

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2007, claim 21 has been amended and claim 22 has been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-21 and 23-29 are now in the case. In light of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, reexamination and reconsideration of the application are requested.

Specification

The Applicants have attached herewith replacement pages 29-31. This amendment was done to correct printing errors of the equations at the time of filing. In other words, the document was printed without the proper fonts installed on the computer such that there were errors in the printed equations. No new matter has been added.

Allowed and Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the allowance of claims 1-20 and 26-29.

The final Office Action indicated that claims 22-25 are "objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims."

In response, the Applicants have amended claim 21 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 22 (which has been canceled). Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining claims in the application are in condition for immediate allowance.

Section 102(e) Rejections

The Office Action rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Uchida (U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0025342A1). The Office Action stated that Uchida discloses all the elements or features of the Applicants' claimed invention.

In response, the Applicants have amended claim 21 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 22 into claim 21. Based on this claim amendment, the Applicants submit

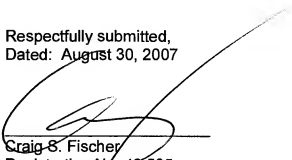
that the rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Uchida has been overcome.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments to claim 21, the cancellation of claim 22, and the arguments set forth above, the Applicants submit that remaining claims 1-21 and 23-29 of the subject application are in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner, therefore, is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

In an effort to expedite and further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any comments, questions or concerns, wishes to discuss any aspect of the prosecution of this application, or desires any degree of clarification of this response.

Respectfully submitted,
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